Remarks

Claims 8-15 have been rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter because the language used in claims 8 and 12 is broad enough to include propagated signals. Independent claims 8 and 12 have each been amended to recite a "storage medium", which excludes propagated signals and includes only tangible storage media. Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants' specification in paragraph 0011. Claims 9-11 and 13-15 depend from claims 8 and 12, respectively, and therefore include this limitation as well.

Claims 1-7 and 16-27 have been found allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible.

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